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and its character generally, as devoted to the expostrongly illustrated in the three planets of our system persons of no religion-advocates of a trinity-Deists, viate the pange. sition of Truth. To aim at imposture, purposed and __the Solar, the Lunar, and Terrestrial; the only and atheists; men who do With regard to the mode of investigating, it seems upon this unfolding bud. And we will also teach you avowed imposition, would expose you to ridicule and three which are; or can have been endowed with life. not; men who are immoral, and men who are contempt. I am bound to believe then that your aim The writer of the "London Alpha," a book of pro- men who are a disgrace, especially in a stranger, which can be done by mor- bud been stained by misdirected deeds, that it is is Truth: not mere prima facia fact, but the revela- found thought, exclaims almost prophetically: "There to the species. I know this is plain talk—but mine tals. By so doing, it is true, there is a possibility of never too late to begin the record of the pure, the tions of truth, which come in other shapes than what are as many revelations as there are souls to need is not the part to palliate or to set "aught down in erring, but if error we find it, it is an error upon the beautiful and good, for however much the outer unis termed evidence. It has long been settled by met them; each is a revelation in itself, to itself, and for malice"; but rather to single out the position of the aphysicians and those who investigate the philosophy itself." Exactly, and it is only through such revela- subject. That position is simply this: of mental demonstration that Truth, which is arrived tion made to us, that we can comprehend those of a Is the claim of a Spiritual origin for modern at by induction, needs no proof or evidence. What distant period, and which were so well suited to the manifestations well founded? must this be called then, or how can it be described? condition of Humanity at the period of dissemination. Every man can examine, and answer this question, It must be admitted beyond all cavil that this kind of comes from above and takes captive all the higher closely to his essence even in our sphere. faculties and leads them into her own celestial domain, a willing guest. This is the maze into which many fall in their investigation of Truth; there are different kinds of evidence, or proof, and they are educed and made clear, in a measure, as we have yielded to the higher solicitations of intelligence.

gift of induction, intuition, or inward sight

If Truth be the infallible aim of our life, we are profit. bound to accept all its manifestations. Truth and Some suppose the human plane—or at least their stance affects any two precisely alike. Each one he proclaimed it from the "sacred desk." And spirfalsehood are always in juxtaposition, the same as plane—is so far above the plane of gross matter, as to applies external conditions to meet his peculiar wants. its—yes, teachers from the glorious realms of man's spirit. Just as consistently may you expect another est-souled man to cling fast to their persuasions its capacities. (unlike the tree, which is also limited ances to those wants must vary. This truth prevails ful, eternal Truth. Man possesses a never dying arise—awake to your true condition. Begin from When we are convinced ourselves, we wish others to in its wants and endurance to a certain amount of as well in our voluntary as in our involuntary func- spark from the great fount, Omniscient, and yet how be convinced; and here is the great stumbling block; light and nutriment,) can be used as the special chantions—as well in the mental as physical. Our minds few—oh! how few, do we find among the present dwela new doctrine begins to be promulgated in the world, nel for more than its ordinary share of the forces being unlike, our conceptions all vary. We can not lers upon earth, who possess any clear conceptions of this you may reach and comprehend and is rejected or increased in a measure, as men are about it. For instance, while they admit that the think alike for the very simple reason that the tools this priceless germ! possessed of the real faculties of insight, vision, or in- tree can only bear within certain limits, they suppose of thought (to speak mechanically) are dissimilar. The human mind has been, unwisely, taught that which emanate from His presence.

the placed bosom of Truth, without provoking any very nature can not be special; to-wit, the designs, other. One fancies one thing, another another. Each things, this—that "God breathed into man's nostrils, controversy. If he wish to awaken the world from their own words, have not only settled the mooted of the writer—nothing more—is transcribed. It is so We come not now to tell you that these teachings faithful disciple, and let us love and cherish him. question that modern manifestations are Spiritual, of any treatise on hypothetical subjects. The "Posi- are absolutely false. Nay, but they are altogether into the dark pit of ignorance. Let each now cast His spirit will be sentient to us when he has passed but also that they are planned, controlled, and guided tion of Christ in the Universe," the "Pilgrimage of insufficient for the best unfolding of the Human aside his pall, stand up boldly, and receive the higher away; and as no Spiritual principle can ever die, by the Omnipotent-to whom only, and not to their Thomas Paine," the Universe Within and Without, Spirit. it will float in its happy and harmonious sphere departed friends, they address their table-telegraphic and a score of books of the same paternity, are in the We come to teach you a more cheering faith—one We will teach you too, that the thoughts and feelaround the radiant throne of the Almighty.

held sway in my mind, and I have never denied or, in prospect; and upon this basis have parceled out the reader. In a certain sense, the recital of facts is come to teach you may, by careful re. sublimations of all your doings. Your food, your admitted, or never am prepared to deny or admit any new Truth I have tried to solve what are termed Spiritual Manifestations, upon what I have deemed philosophic principles; that is, I have tried to negative, perhaps without sufficient examination, "Spiritual Rappings." but never doubted Spiritual Manifestations as a revelation to the intelligence.

Truth of the most abstruse nature needs to some minds no authorization-it is as clear as that pathway of the Heavens through which our spirit lies. To others the "evidence of things unseen," is a sealed and oblivious book, and never opened to their intelli- Often is the inquiry put to the table, concerning mat- -to taste it-or to handle it. The effect is all we We ask you to decide, each for himself, what he

The intelligent of all ages have believed in miracles: even the Catholic religion admits, in our time, of their the body,) would not have access to the company. this inference as the basis for another, are out of the REASON, purified from all its cankering prejudices. behold him holding friendly converse with a priest of agency. The Methodists believe in the power of God In such a state of things, is it to be wondered at Spiritual limits; and, so far as my observations are Then-then can we reach that little germ, with the the dominant religion there. And next we see him suddenly descending on man, and swaying him with that religious extravagance, neglect of social duties, concerned, have proved privateers on the waves of sunshine, the dews and the rains of love and purity, arguing with the lawyers, or merchants, or laborers. an influence such as neither fiend nor angel ever ex- unsettling of business, folly, insanity, should occur? conjecture, or perhaps Quixots in the crusade of the and warm it into that beautiful growth, of which it Perhaps we may best realize his relations to Athens, erted. What is this but a union of spirit with spirit Would it not be wonderful if such should not occur? ideal. In view of these things, and especially of the possesses so richly the type. We will teach you to if we fancy him returned to the earth, and behold him -the blessing of the two infinites with one finite and Every new thing is revolutionary. Where, then, is idea that our conceptions are thus variant, and that know that there is a germ of Immortality lying at walking the streets of New-York, and taking up here possessing no power or capability of wrestling with the blame? Not upon Spiritualism; for that, at this even our conceptions of dry facts are controlled by the first extreme of your human existence; that this his mission of reformation. Behold him walking down an agency of such magnitude, it becomes powerless of day, is a simple claim that persons once in the body, our mental fabric, does it not strike every one that germ is a pure emanation, or out-birth from our own Wall-street in the morning, and arguing there with resistance and is subdued. The very thought of im- as we are, retain their consciousness and have power by dealing in all these multiplied conceptions, we not bright Spirit-home, and that it possesses as perfectly the bankers and brokers upon the transient and palmortality has swayed men with an influence stronger to communicate to us. That is all. Even this claim only weaken our real effort, but in fact abandon it to the essence of its future unfoldings as does the little try worth of stocks in canals and railroads, and enthan that which any miracle ever exerted.

air or light; so denominated from the sun having The question, whether we live hereafter, and the more politic, and more methodical, to lay the founda- germ is the nucleus to which are attracted and at- then he catches a lawyer by the button, and tells him been the abode of this god. As those heathenisms other question, what we live for, are as distinct as the tion before taking lodgings in the cupola? always had some foundation in Truth, it is no vain | zenith and the nadir. If some prevalent notions are | Those who see Spiritualism in any other light, are adapted to the growth of its indwelling capabilities. | Last assize. At half-past one he saunters into the presumption that those traditions extend to the vastly correct, our destinies will be equally distinct. Spir- not responsible to me, nor to any one but themselves. We will teach you that as the kernel may be so Exchange, and is seen found-addressing a group on remote period, before the earth emanated from the itualism goes not to these matters. They are of indi- They have the common right of all—to think and to deeply buried beneath the surface of the earth that the nature of the Beautiful. At two, look for him at solar orb. Son of sun, or son of light, the head being vidual account. typified as a sun, and emblematical of intellectual light, is everywhere seen among the obelisks of deal: there is no claim that they are of worth, in sponse, another proposition which is a contingent of from the sun and showers of truth and love that its that the part of wisdom is to keep as far as possible Egypt; inscribed in hieroglyphics.

mous terms. Truth then is light, and light is God, communication itself, it is not of the slightest moment mine. They certainly appear separate to my concep- planted to a genial soil, to burst forth in glowing dence on Fifth avenue. After entering into all their and in proportion as we are removed from that spirit- who made it. A true word is no truer in the mouth tion. It seems to me, that every element in Nature | magnificence. We will teach you that this pure germ | various pleasures and amusements, he will not fail to ual light, are we in moral darkness.

Son have been revealed to us, and now the "Holy track, are no longer Spiritualists. They follow their order. Patience is all we need; and by way of en-forts for progressive growth must be directed. It is Spirit " has descended upon earth, and thus the Trin- prominent tendencies, as do moral reformers, prison couragement to patience, let me suggest, that any the only foundation for that beautiful superstructure ity is made perfect in one sphere.

vine Intelligence, it seems to confirm the presumption started from the Spiritual hypothesis, makes no alterthat all matter is coextensive with the Divine Spirit, ation in the character of his pursuits. Within the horse kicks a child, no amount of misery can obliter and others of a life of purity or sin. I must regard the eloquent essays in your journal, as operated upon by His will. We have this trinity pale of Spiritualists are persons of all religions, and ate the fact of the kick—though nursing may alle-

truth, proof or evidence, is a soul-instinct which draw us home to God; to make us approximate more convictions upon any other data, than my present idea of the and soon—aye, soon, will each redeem himsel ffrom

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any thing connected, directly or indirectly with the can. But against any and all attempts to blend any Men do not believe or disbelieve at will; they want future, must of necessity involve sacred matters, has of its supposed uses, with an attempt to prove the proof or evidence to enable them to look the fact led many Spiritualists into the error of mixing up main proposition, and also against every attempt to sternly in the face. Now how impoverished and bar- modern developments with religion. In every in- cite any supposed use, as an evidence of its origin, I rep must the truth appear to those who have not this stance the result has been more or less disastrous. A enter my oft-repeated and earnest protest. few of the predominant vagaries may be cited with For this position it may not be amiss to give a few

themselves. What they are, and whence they come, the first and which contingent involves the uses of beauties can not reach the surface. But still the from the want! At four, you shall find him in close In the Hebrew, Light, God and Truth, are synony- are two distinct propositions. While considering the the first, they are endowed with a vision transcending shining germ is there ready, the moment it is trans- communion and conversation at some prominent resiof an angel, than in the mouth of a man. A moral is distinct from its uses. That first in the order is -this jewel from our bright sweet home is the child wind up with some good advice upon the true life-Should we be incapable of properly interpreting precept, like the gravitation of matter, gets no new the business of proving the existence of the element. of angel parents who watch over its unfoldings with which is one of temperance, sobriety, simplicity, etc. Spiritual Manifestations upon rational and intelligent force from the elucidator. So, when the other ques- This done, its use is of individual application. In the such a care as only spirits know—that this child of Imagine him in all these various phases, and you shall principles, we are lost and puzzled. May not these tion is up-as to the origin of a communication-its Spiritual arena, we are yet dealing with the major Heaven-this germ of Immortality, is the SELF which then know what Socrates was to Athens, and how he revelations be a corroboration of the fact, that we are substance is of no consequence. It may perhaps aid proposition. It will be time enough to discuss the dwells within each human breast. The shining nu- would be welcomed among us. T. Stann Kino.

now entering upon a third advent. The Father and to identify, that is all. Those who go out of this other-if discussion it needs-when reached in its cleus-the point of attraction, to which all your efreformers, religious reformers, marriage reformers, use of the Spiritual phenomena, no matter how ob- -the human mind. 'Tis here that every word, deed, As matter, as well as spirit, is an agent of the Di- or any other reformers. And the fact that a man notious soever the same may be, can never do away thought and feeling, is recorded in eternally indelli-

Truth, Love and Light, are all that are needed to irrespective of his morals, or belief, or religion, or saying this no one ought to understand me as speakor negative opinion, affects no persons ideas of right, ty. Like any other phenomenon, it either is, or is verse, it is possible some new development of those Let none despair of redemption, for however long not Spiritual in its origin. Those in the affirmative laws, may affect the balance. An opinion which can the human life may seem to those unfortunate ones, are conceded the right, the duty-nay, they can not be swerved by evidence, sinks to dogmatism. who have no conception of the duties and objects of MR. EDITOR: The prevailing notion that avoid it—of making such use, or abuse, of it as they

reasons. No two men are precisely alike. No subight and darkness; and it often requires the strong. be above its laws. That the mind, though limited in

The wants of no two being precisely alike, the applifadeless future—have said and sung the same beauti. The wants of no two being precisely alike, the applimind to be so contrived, that though limited, it can Hence our conceptions of uses differ. Use, to one, is it must accept a mystery, and never dare attempt its The truly reverent man is willing to repose upon be made the special recipient of that, which in its abuse to another. Order to one, is disorder to an- solution. And with other never-to-be-explained interrogatories! Others, less aspiring, have settled category of fancy. In none of these can it be claimed which will stimulate you to noble, wisely directed, The philosophy of mental metaphysics has always the question of progress, both in this life and the one that the conception of the writer gives knowledge to God-like action -a faith of works, not words. We purity or corruption to this inmost germ, are but the the realms of futurity into grades, and meekly claim on the same plane. The fact, and our conception of search, measurably understand that the little kernel drinks, the air which you inhale, and the surroundaffinities for no higher elevation than an imaginary it, may be as variant as the East and the West. So which you plant in the bosom of the fertile earth, is ing influences which you absorb, all, all effect favorsixth or seventh circle! Others, not boasting in simple a phenomenon as the fall of an apple, does not the type of its future form and quality, so you may ably or otherwise, this indwelling nucleus. And fear word, but acting an excellency for piety, find comfort affect all alike. While we can say, with great sim- also understand much, very much, in relation to this you that it will be a dull study to learn the operain directing their queries to the venerable Apostles; plicity, that the apple (to our conception) did fall, the "germ of Immortality." Come-oh! come then to tions of those laws through which even your bread is while others, still, feel calm under the questionable moment the why of that fall, or the uses of that hypothe labor, we will instruct you in wisdom and truth transformed into mind-immortal spirit. revelations of Washington, of Franklin, or of Emanuel thetical wby, are broached, we venture the realm of We will make our tasks easy, and our school shall be Come to our school and try our teachers; we prom-Swedenborg. Not a few, (on the supposition of some inference—yea, fancy. These truths do not become a continual pastime. miraculous infusion of wisdom at death,) inquire with falsehood when discussing occurrences of timed to be We ask you to cast off from your minds all those Condemn us not unheard, but try us. serious gravity of departed babes, aunts, and grand. Spiritual. We witness them. We ask for the cause. dark and shadowy accumulations which have no restdames, in regard to affairs both important and trivial. We are not permitted to see it-to feel it-to touch it ing place, but upon a vague and gloomy fear. ters of great pecuniary and even moral moment, when can cognate, and—as in the case of the falling apple— knows, and then divest himself of all else, and come Socrates probably knew almost all of the fourteen the very spirit purporting to communicate, (if yet in we are left entirely to inference. Those who take to us with his actual knowledge and his indwelling thousand male dwellers in Athens. At one time we rests on testimony which compels us to infer the confusion. It is not quite settled that we have cor- seed which you place beneath the surface of the earth. deavoring to impress upon their minds the truth of a The word Hercules means, in the Greek, splendid origin. There is no religious idea, in the matter. rectly conceived the Manifestations. Is it not, then, We will teach you that, like the seed, so this little destiny for man somewhat higher than this. And

> act. If, however, they can see in a simple proposi- the sun and shower can not reach it, and thus lie dor- Delmonico's arguing the foolishness of this habit of As to the communications with which we have to tion which admits of an affirmative or negative re- mant for ages, so this germ may be so darkly buried eating-that it is a mere gratification of a want, and

have occurred and which all of us regret have arisen purity of the bud that every newly unfolded petal from believing too much, rather than believing too presents a fair, unstained surface to the recorder, as it little. My own position is this: The balance of evi- entreats by its beauty to be spared the touch of darkdence is in favor of the Spiritual hypothesis. In ness. Let all then commence this record aright from action of matter. As I do not claim to know all the his dark condition, by and through his own good actions and laws of the actions of matter in the Uni- works.

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A GERM OF IMMORTALITY. M. B. RANDALL-MEDIUM.

Within Man dwells a germ of Immortality. Man you not listen to our notes of love !

blot out a vile thought which has been enstamped

WM. ALLEN. the earth-life, still it is but as a drop in the great ocean of elements. Then come, dear brother, come to the light of truth and love, for their teachings are but happiness and peace. Oh! come; wallow no more in the dark, foul pools of ignorance. Your spirit-loving and loved ones are calling, entreating, reasoning; will

this hour to warm and cherish the godlike-germ which your great Prototype, and bask in the genial rays

Too long-aye, too long, has man groveled in the dust to gather, to gain the pittance with which to purchase his own fetters. Too long has he worshiped that darkness in which his own light is buried. Too long have the blind led the blind and fallen together.

ise you great joy and happiness as your reward. Wооретоск, April 2, 1853.

Socrates.

tached those elements and essences which are best that there will be call for subtile eloquence at the

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THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER.

DEAN SON: In my last I reviewed the first half of your second series, embracing six letters, and I now resume my labors at the point where they were discontinued Very little, however, remains to be said in this rejoinder, since the succeeding letters from you are not properly replies. Your number seven attempts to deal with Mr. Austin's facts. but it is altogether harmless in its bearing on the present issue. You impressive than that of the parrative by the witnesses themselves-and eight you have several brief allusions to my letter of the same number,

prove that the patient was cured by some other process than the one described by those who were present on the occasion? No; nothing administered the thirtieth dilution of naz romica, describing at the same time as its specific action the effect he desired to produce. The result sought for was obtained; and now it only remains for the readers of this discussion to arrive at the implied conclusion, which may read thus: All the cures alleged to have been wrought, in different ages and countries, by Spiritual power, have wholly resulted from the action of the patient's own mind on the organs and functions of the body. I know how powerfully the mental action influences the physical condition, but this assumption is utterly unfounded. The premises and the conclusion sustain no relation, however remote, and yet precisely this inference was intended to be drawn, or the illustration is unsuitable, and my correspondent wrote apparently without a purpose. In these letters the citations from history are given as usual in alopathic doses in the crude form, but the logic, which is the highest trituration, is used homeopathically.

are illogical—in short there is no direct reply. As no effort is made to and to make me conscious that I sleep and wake within the sacred preinvalidate the reasoning based on the acknowledged facts, and especially cints of its mystical courts. as we have called three times without eliciting an answer, the case may

be permitted, as the lawyers say, to go "by default."

A few general observations will conclude, on my part, this protracted correspondence. I need not say how impossible it is for me to accept bly follow, that no revelation, in the sense in which the word is usually committing it to the earth again we violate none of its affinities. employed, was ever given to man, and all the world's professedly inspired teachers have been vain impostors or visionary enthusiasts. No one token of renewed life. The countless millions of sentient beings pressed, in what you have written; first, and especially, in the alleged distribution.

come and go and are forgotten; they are unfolded like the buds in spring- incapacity of spirits to exercise the powers which time, and like the seared leaves of autumn they fall unnumbered to the they are admitted to possess during their earthearth. A lethean spell has bound all that have lived, from first to last, life; and, secondly, in the general assumption first number of the Telegraph, Volume II., and as the living generations pass away in solemn succession, they be- of the impossibility of receiving any revelation will be on our counter and ready for delivery. come silent and voiceless forever-more! And what is the Universe, on from the world of Spirits. If, however, in the We have received a great number of names, to this hypothesis, but one mighty sepulcher-a monument to cover the preceeding contrast, or in any part of this dis- whom we shall send the first issue, and will ashes of the dead! And what are the records of all human thought cussion, I have misapprehended your views, I thank our friends to send us the names of any and experience, but the epitaphs which men have written for their own can safely depend on you and our readers to other persons who may be presumed to favor souls. You may say that man continues to exist that the spirit is make the necessary corrections. Moreover, in our enterprise. All our patrons whose subscripimmortal-but what proofs have you to offer, if you deny those we have citing facts to illustrate the Spiritual theory-it tions expire with this volume, will please rebeen called to consider? Show us "the evidence of things not seen," may be proper to observe, what indeed must be member our terms, and that after the first issue if it does not at all consist in the facts we have cited. If you can sweep self-evident to the reader already : I have often we shall wait to receive their commands. We away all these, and every similar demonstration of the life to come, it found it necessary to rely chiefly on the testi- bespeak a careful perusal of the contents of is worse than idle to expect the rational mind to find repose, in the ex- mony of others, and in such cases I, of course, number one, and we confidently expect there ercise of a calm and beautiful faith grounded on your naked assumption. only vouch for the reputed veracity and sup- will be a simultaneous effort everywhere to ex-

The reader will readily perceive that we are far from having arrived posed competency of the witnesses. If, there-tendour circulation. merely repeat the facts—the style, to be sure, is far less orderly and at one conclusion, from our observations of the same phenomena. We fore, the facts in any given example should, are advocates for two systems which stand in bold and vivid contrast. bereafter, prove to be otherwise than they are We will thank our friends everywhere to then you refer to other miscellaneous examples and conclude without appear to comprehend the general principles of causation within the facts may be discarded by yourself and the domain of mere temporalities; I apprehend that they exist in the reader, as freely as I have already rejected specimen number of the TELEGRAPH IN ITS ENbut there is no earnest effort to dispose of the facts, cited by me, agreeulations make the essential reality of things to consist in their exterulations of the letter, I am sorry to and the subject. I make the subject. I make the subject. I make the subject of the letter, I am sorry to say, evince a disposition to triffe with the whole subject, where only had be glad to eritical analysis and invincible logic were demanded. You devote some balf dozen lines in your answer to my ninth letter, and the remainder of four wide columns to other matters, chiefly to facts which illustrate entities. The fundamental difference between Materialism and Spiritestate in the truth. The dim shadows of the power of the mind to produce and to remove several forms of disease. As I did not attempt to prove that all sick people are cured by ing the spirit. You, indeed, suppose it to be endowed with very spirits To-day, may yet stand unvailed, in our articles of unusual interest. This number closes ease. As I did not attempt to prove that all suck people are cured by the agency of spirits, it will be seen that your whole effort, so far as it that now is, while I venture to presume that all its faculties are presence and before the world, as living, tangeliles of unusual interest. This number closes the agency of spirits, it will be seen that your whole effort, so far as it that now is, while I venture to presume that all its faculties are presence and before the world, as living, tangeliles of unusual interest. This number closes the agency of spirits, it will be seen that your whole effort, so far as it that now is, while I venture to presume that all its faculties are presence and divine realities.

In conclusion, I desire you to accept my to subscribe. Terms \$3 per annum; \$1.50 superficial sophism. I will endeavor to make this apparent to the reader.

I bring witnesses to prove that a person who is not a physician is, unexpectedly to himself and everybody else, made the instrument of and the Godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the Godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the Godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the Godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the Godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike nature becomes the slave of more material forces and the godlike euring—without medicine, and by a particular process unknown to the faculty—another person, whom the doctors had given up to die. The physical conditions. It has no longer any voluntary power of resistnent satisfaction. We may yet "see eye to N. Y.: We should be glad to see the commuevidence is so conclusive that the fact is not disputed by any one. Now laws of material gravitation determine; while, on the contrary, the laws of material gravitation determine; while, on the contrary, the mysteries of our being from a civil and the fact is not disputed by any one. Now laws of material gravitation determine; while, on the contrary, the mysteries of our being from a civil at the fact is not disputed by any one. Now laws of material gravitation determine; while, on the contrary, the mysteries of our being from a civil at the fact is not disputed by any one. Now laws of material gravitation determine; while, on the contrary, the are denominated the professional modes, is unwilling to accept the only inference which seems to be warranted by the facts. And how does he manage to escape the legitimate conclusion? Does he undertake to driven about like inanimate objects, as you presume, they are privileged question the credibility of the witnesses? No. Does he attempt to to interrupt the most endearing relations of life; on the other hand, my own aim to preserve and perfect those relations. You place a cold seal on the eloquent lip, and the strongest affection is silent and a story of one of his own patients who wanted physic; he accordingly expressionless; but when the spirit of the divine Philosophy touches tongue. You make the objects of my highest hope, the worthless creations of a distempered fancy; but in the light of the Spiritual era, they are revealed as the magnets which attract me to the Heavens. You insist that no earth-born spirit has ever indicated its presence here, after its separation from the body; I devoutly believe that such proofs of the presence of spirits have been given in all ages, and that they do now frequently occur. You profess to have no tangible evidence that the beautiful affinities which unite kindred natures here, have any existence hereafter, or at least that such existence can, by a possibility, be made known to men; but the Spiritual philosophy im- proceedings of the Convention, have been pleasure of a personal acquaintance with her, but mortalizes all true love, all real beauty, all essential perfection, and through the Springfield Republican and are, of learn from those who had, that she was a flower of whatever else the spirit does most delight to cherish and adore. The course, not of the most accurate and reliable uncommon promise. Her parents are reformers, whatever else the spirit does most delight to cherish and adore. The course, not of the most accurate and reliable especially in the anti-slavery movement, and by their inspiration that fired the soul of Keats descends on us, and we feel of character, being colored by the prejudices of talents and untiring industry and devotion, are doing

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," The reader can not fail to observe that my correspondent has, in real-because everything that hath life in itself-all things that possess ele-ally and we condense from their report. ity, abandoned his position. When the facts and arguments for Spiritments of the Divine excellence are deathless, and must live for a felWishing your calculate paper.
Wishing your counting ualism elicit no reply, it is virtually conceded that they can not be met. lowship with God. Your theory cuts me off from communion with of Dr. H. F. Gardner, of Springfield, as Presi-Three letters, each of an unusual length, have been written and published wherein no real effort has been made to explain, on mundane ing, while the Spiritual philosophy lifts me up again and honors me, all imperfect as I am, with the companionship of angels. Your faith, if such it may be called, deprives me of my kindred and friends; but my Metler and S. C. Hewet were appointed Secretical Research of the case where the contract of the case where appointed Secretical Research of the case where appointed Secretical Research of the case where appointed Secretical Research of the case where the contract of the case where the case where the case where the case were appointed Secretical Research of the case where the case were appointed Secretical Research of the case where the case wher require. He has undertaken to refute the facts and arguments adduced own restores their presence, and makes them the guardians of my life. in support of a given proposition, but instead of this he wanders off in You locate Heaven far away—at an inconceivable distance—but the another direction. The whole course is evasive. My friend neither faith which the Spirits teach comes to me, as Jesus of Naizareth came C. Wright, Mr. Finney, A. J. Davis, S. C. I now. Oh, how have I desired to communicate to attempts to disprove the facts nor to show that the deductions therefrom to the humblest disciple, to bring Heaven to my immediate presence, Hewet, Rev. J. C. Loveland, and others.

> "Sublime Philosophy! Thou art the Patriarch's ladder, reaching Heaven, And bright with beckoning angels."

It can not be denied that the prevailing Spiritual phenomena are your views. I can not relinquish the hopes and aspirations which make making a deep and lasting impression on the minds of thousands, who human life truly significant. The assurance of a future existence is, until recently were without hope in the world. Men who have listened with the writer, a Spiritual instinct which, perhaps, requires no further from their earliest childhood to the appointed religious teachers, and with the writer, a Spiritual instinct which, perhaps, requires no further from their earliest childhood to the appointed religious teachers, and outward confirmation. It may be thus with you, but if it be so, I know yet were utterly faithless, with respect to the future life, have been overnot how you can dispute the proximity of the Spirit-world to this, or whelmed, perchance in a single hour, with a conviction so deep that its the same cause as ancient unbelief; that Spirit-world to this, or whelmed, perchance in a single hour, with a conviction so deep that its remain insensible to the presence of its inhabitants. I can not resist record shall be effaced from the soul no more forever. I speak soberly itual manifestations take place in accordance especially am I gratified for the progressive desire the conviction, that without some revelation of the other life-some and truly when I say, that this has been the experience of thousands, with laws; that many manifestations are impertangible demonstration of the senses, and to be convinced of Manifestations, in this country, have doubtless converted more intellithe reality of that life, the understanding must be addressed through gent skeptics and materialists to a belief in revelation and the future by its assumptions; that when spirits direct or meditate continually, with no weariness or lassitude the ordinary avenues and modes of sensation. In the absence of such life, in the short space of three years, than have been convinced by the a demonstration, nothing remains for them but to sit in darkness and preaching of all Christian sects in the last quarter of a century. I am beyed; that these revelations lead to improvenourish their despair. They can but say with Job, in the period of conscious of the full import of this lenguage, and would not have it ment in life; that there is coming a new order his hopelessness, "I have said to corruption, Thou art my father; to understood as a mere hyperbolism I am quite satisfied that the facts of society; that contempt, and sneers, and am always near you, although my habitation is far the worm, Thou art my mother and my sister. And where is now my will warrant the most literal construction. And, as the phenomena anathemas, are indications of sadduceeism, sen- above the lower strata of atmosphere wherein you hope? As for my hope, who shall see it?" In what respect is our are multiplied on every hand, Error trembles in its dusty abodes; its sualism, pahriseeism, sectarianism and infidel- breathe. I move by attraction, and a single thought condition more tolerable? If you are right, no voice has ever spoken altars are shaken, and rays of Divine light, more fatal than the envenfrom beyond the grave. This is distinctly implied and expressed in omed shafts of an armed host, penetrate the thick darkness, and Matewhat you have written. From the beginning of this controversy you rialism, at last, goes reeling and wailing to its final doom. I am aware junction of Earth and Heaven. have boldly asserted that all Spiritual experiences, so-called, belong to, that many learned Doctors have tenderly cherished it, even in Christ's A committee, appointed for the purpose, de-your thoughts to me. When in the body I sometimes and have their origin in, the earth-life, and that what have been de- name, but in spite of all their sympathy it is beginning to be convulsed liberating on a United States Convention, re- had a strong desire to travel over the earth and benominated miracles may all be accounted for without admitting the with mortal agonies. In its dying anguish it bites the very dust, and ported it expedient to hold such a Convention hold the varied scenery of every country. I did not agency of spirits in their production. And why not? If you can thus frantically grasps at all earthly things. Not a few who were once numaccount for the modern phenomena, you certainly will not be at a loss bered with its best friends, shocked with the terrors of its smitten form and 4th days of September next. to explain the ancient wonders. Any principles of science or laws of and distorted visage, have fled from its presence. Some faithful disciexternal Nature which can be made to sustain the human body, and ples, I doubt not, will remain behind to witness the last struggle, and members from different States, was appointed. ferently now to what they did while I was in the body. other equally ponderable objects, mid air-now a very common occur- to smooth the wrinkled brow, made doubly terrible by the reflection of In the evening of the last day of the Convenrence-will surely suffice to account for the so-called miracle of walk- a thousand errors and the dominion of all earthly lusts. It is well that tion, A. J. Davis and Mr. Finney delivered ading on the water. Thus it will appear that if the "church favors your the old Materialism should thus die, with no hope of a resurrection. dresses. The Republican is very severe on pression and every injustice, but had I comprehended views," it must be at the expense of the Spiritual claims of Christianity. It was born of the Earth, at a period when the human mind was dark what it terms the infidelity of Mr. Finney. Indeed, if the views you advocate are founded in truth, it must inevita- and faith and hope were weak, and it is a satisfaction to know, that in

spirit, say you, has ever manifested its presence to mortals, or given it has seemed to me that this was clearly implied, if it be not fully ex- may be pleased to order them for gratuitous exactly the same as I left the body. All the knowl-

The clouds, which conceal the objects of our faith and the sources of our inspiration, will, ere long, pass away and leave the heavens, bending in benediction over us, clear as the smile of the UNIVERSAL FATHER.

shall ever remain, dear sir,

Faithfully yours,

S. B. BRITTAN.

THE SPRINGFIELD CONVENTION.

the editor's views of Spiritualism. However much in this cause. it is full as candid as the secular press gener- This little communication speaks for itself, and I

stance as follows: That the existence of spir- All I have ever been, or enjoyed, is present with me, its, seperate from the body, has been a fundamental article in the belief of all religions; that suffering when I entered upon my Spiritual life, and occasional manifestations of spirits have always now I remember pain no more. All that was pleasbeen admitted; that modern manifestations are ant in my life is still pleasant-but every enjoyment

We have a few copies of the back num- knowledge.

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The SHEKINAH, No. 6, Volvme II., for

PERSONAL.

"J. C. P.", Parkersville, Sullivan Co.,

William S. Worthington is requested to call at this office.

LETTER FROM JUDGE WHIPPO.

From a business letter recently received from Hoping that the success of your professional Charles T. Whippo, Esq., we extract the follabors may be commensurate with your personal lowing, with the accompanying Spiritual comdesires and the prayers of suffering humanity munication to which it refers. We should be for relief, and that the measure of life, with pleased to hear from our respected friend whenyou, may be crowned with the greatest good to ever it may accord with his convenience to others and the highest pleasure to yourself, I communicate more fully the results of his observations.

New-Castle, Pa., April 3, 1853.

Dear Sir : I herewith inclose to you a communication, purporting to come from the spirit of Miss Josephine Griffing, late of Salem, Ohio, who died last The only reports that have reached us of the August, sged about sixteen years. I had not the

doubt not you will be disposed to give it a place in

Wishing you continued success in the cause of truth

Respectfully and truly yours,

CHARLES T. WHIPPO.

From a higher school than any your s selected for me, does your Josephine address you. you a knowledge of all I am experiencing and enjoywhich were afterward adopted, and were in sub- of the Spiritual state of existence. I am still myself. inharmony in my earthly existence. I lost sight of

most minds, and am constantly endeavoring to attract behold all things terrestrial, as it were, spread out as clearly as now, the evils that result from it. I should have abhorred it far more. You must not imagine that I have gained an infinite amount of

edge I may acquire must be by my own desire and

impress them upon you. I hope you will also con- continued life and love. tinue to strive for a high degree of goodness, for every exalted desire of yours excites a dindred one in me There is a link of affinity that unites mankind in the body, which the removal into a higher life can not sunder. By that link am I still united to all whom I series of lectures. loved while in the body. The love I bore you all while I was manifest before you, has not decreased. increasing through the different progressive advances of eternity, yet forever retain the first impression

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Thus am I instructed, and thus I believe. You I am not separated from you. We loved each other the following was spelled out: too well to be divided. We never shall be divided, for you will always be my own dear parents, and I your JOSEPHINE.

NEW-YORK CONFERENCE.

FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA [WEEKLY REPORT.]

FRIDAY EVENING, March 25, 1858. Mr. James Quarterman read the second of his series of lectures, on the nature and position of man, &c.

and Dr. Greves, of Milwaukee-a part of which is cases, by way of illustration. subjoined. It contains two spiritual communications,

"One great reason why so little satisfaction is ob-

how unlike in the phraseology and subject matter :

several qualities, modes and properties common to the whole mass of matter; that is, common to all other bodies; such as bulk, figure, extension, solidity, and impenetrability. This does not need a proof. You Communication from the spirit of Stephen Gano to his have also a thinking principle within you. This is evident from the best proof in the world-I mean consciousness and experience. You have all within you a thinking principle that directs your actions, and either censures or applauds them, as they are good or evil. This principle has several qualities, modes and properties of a peculiar nature, such as perception, willing, doubting, denying, judging, reflecting, remembering. This is evident, also, from experience. Now, I believe it will be allowed that there is no greater demonstration that any two things are of different natures, than when it appears that their qualities and properties are entirely different, and that the qualities, modes and properties of one are inconsistent with, and can not be affirmed of, the modes and properties of the other, without absurdity; for example: there can not be a greater proof that a circle is not a square, or a square a circle, than that the properties of a circle can not be applied to, or affirmed of, the properties of a square, without absurdity and contradiction. If, then, the properties of body are without absurdity and contradiction, then that thinking principle within you can not be body. The properties of that thinking principle within you are these perceiving, doubting, denying, willing, consenting, dissenting, judging, reflecting, remembering; and the properties of bodies are, color, figure, extension, bulk and weight, and such as results from these-as smothness, roughness, hardness, softness. Now, let any man examine whether the properties of the thinking principle within him are any way consistent with the properties of bodies, or color, or figure, or extension. Can you properly say a white doubt, or a scarlet denial, or a square judgment, a reflection of a foot long, or a foot broad, or of a pound weight? If this can not be said without absurdity and contradiction, then it is evident that this thinking principle within you is of a nature as different from body, as its properties and affections are from the properties and affections of bodies; or that this thinking principle within you, which you call soul or spirit, is of a quite different nature from body."

If you consider the above worth a reading in your Conference, or otherwise disposed of, you are at lib-Yours truly,

JAMES P. GREVES.

effort. A spirit who has been long in this beautiful This little "George" had died of dysintery, under world, and from whom I have gained some knowledge, very great apparent suffering, which added much to makes me comprehend that higher circles of knowl- the grief of his bereaved parents. They were strangedge, love and wisdom lie open before me; that Spir- ers in New-York, and have no acquaintance whatitual instructors are anxious to lead me upward; but ever with Mrs. Brown. They who have been similarthat my own will is free, and unless I desire improve- ly afflicted can judge of the priceless worth of those ment, no power in the universe can compel me to re- simple words to the mourning parents, when, in the ceive it. And don't you know, my dear friends, that midst of strangers, their darling lost one comes, an-

R. T. HALLOCK, Sec'y.

FRIDAY EVENING, April 1.

Dr. Young stated that on Wednesday last he was at Mrs. Brown's, in Twenty-sixth'st. Several foreign while united with the lower nature. It now shines was unknown to the medium, yet they were answered with a pure and spiritual brightness, that will go on correctly. Some physical manifestations were made, among which rapping was produced upon the solid brick wall of the house. It was made at his request, which was stamped upon it while the spirit inhabited as a test, or proof that the ladies did not do it. One of the gentlemen, after being seated awhile, as directsee, then, my dear parents, that I am still your own. surprise-declaring that he had been strongly clasped You can not see me, but can you not imagine me near just above the knees, by what seemed to be two huyou? You can not devote to me a single thought but man hands! This phenomenon was soon afterward it reaches me, and I am instantly with you. With repeated, to the manifest consternation of some of the

> "I love to touch you, my dear, to convince you that spirits are perfect in form, and that I am always near you!"

> A gentleman, who requested that his name and the facts given should not be reported, related a portion manifestations were undoubtedly Spiritual, but he was not so sure that " they came from God "!

His narrative induced Mr. Partridge to deliver, at some length, an earnest caution against self-deception, fanaticism, and impositions upon us in our in-Dr. Gray read a correspondence, between himself vestigation of Spiritual facts. He instanced some

Mr. Fishbough gave a brief description of what he supposed to be three modes by which the Divine Being communicates with man. The first is, the sensual complete. You do not come to it with a determina- form may transmit an idea or thought to a person far light I can on the main points in debate. tion to be thorough in its performance, although you removed, and thus awaken in his mind the desired acknowledge that there is not one more important train of reflection. This is done by acting indirectly, Our hopes, our peace of mind, our growth in grace, though physically, on the vital forces of the brain. are intimately connected with it; yet how easily you | Another mode by which men communicate, is by teleare discouraged by obstacles which the enemies of graphing, as we see daily, between distant cities your soul's minds may interpose; and how hastily This is what is meant by a sensual mode, and he supdo you run through the duty, deriving no satisfaction poses God may do the same thing through different -but only enveloping the mind in still deeper gloom. spirits or grades of spirits. But all communications You are less thorough in this Spiritual investigation sent in this way must necessarily come diluted. The than you should be in almost any other subject. No second mode is more exclusively spiritual; and God wonder, then, that you make such slow advances in | may communicate with us by quickening our reasonthis happy work ; no wonder that it is generally reling power, or by visions, or by correspondential picceived as impracticable, when so superficially per- tures, &c. This mode is also imperfect. But thirdformed! When you enter upon this duty, make, I the highest means of communication-is through the entreat you, some work with your minds-explore light of the great Spiritual Sun, acting upon the leve the secret motives, and analyze the evanescent feel- principle of the human soul, causing it to germinate ings, if it costs years of persevering labor; and may and be productive of fruit. This light is not reason; God, by his spirits, assist you and make you success- it is immeasurably above reason. Its presence in the was the governing force. soul is attested by its vital power, and its Divine ori-The above was written evidently in a female hand. gin is proclaimed by its divine fruits. Without this dently intended as a male. You will also perceive separate God from his works. Spirits are fallible like ourselves, but God is Truth, and that which em-"We all bear about us a body, and this body has anates directly from Him must be like Himself.

R. T. HALLOCK, Sec'y. Adjourned. Comfort and Encouragement.

brother Daniel Gano: Mrs. Lowe, medium, spiritually magnetized : October 6, 1853.

My DEAR BROTHER: When I passed from the first sphere you mourned my departure and thought of me as being gone to return no more, but made you free, and you can feel not only that I am with you but that you are surrounded and influenced by the good, pure and holy, of all past ages. While I passed from the earth shrouded in ignorance, you were permitted to remain to see the wisdom of God you many of the mysteries connected with human life. You have been made to understand the end and object of your existence, and to have learned to enjoy its privileges and appreciate its advantages. You have for years past been led and directed by the spirits of to relieve much of the suffering which everywhere the sick and unfortunate, and you and your angel companion gave them freely of your store, and often have you furnished a home to those whom fate had doing you have made your lives useful and happy, enters not, and where the spoiler's power is lost. Go on my brother and my sister, you are engaged in a glorious work, and you have entered a school where something new and instructive will be continually in wisdom and in knowledge, and day by day will your strength and happiness increase, and at the close of your mortal career you will be cheered with the bright hope of a happy change, and with the blessed reflection that the world has been happier that you Your affectionate brother, STEPHEN GANO.

BORN INTO THE SPIRIT-WORLD.

DIED in Winsted, March 20th, after a painful illness of one week, with scarlet fever, EMERETT U., only child of Hiram C. and Lucia A. Whiting, aged 7 years

and 7 months. home of Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, and saw that only Mr. Weston submitted the following affectionate child. She was sprightly and interesting, and, for communication, received through a rapping medium, aught we could discover to the contrary, physically come right to their children when they leave the is but a circumstance in life, and our friends may be by the buman will. world—they never die-I did not die. You must not consoled with the reflection that the tender plants remember me in my hour of change, for I did not which are chilled in earth's atmosphere may bloom in

REPLY TO PROF. BRITTAN

My DEAR SIR: Your tenth letter is received-and as you allude in a note to the space occupied, I only remark that I was unaware of having occupied more than yourself, and of course all I ask is "equal privileges." You have been liberal over much, in more ways than one; I shall desire it. O, yes! I will strive to increase in nouncing his own beloved name, and in thus bidding you have dared to publish in your paper all that could be brought the knowledge of virtue, for your sakes as well as my them forget the scene of his apparent suffering-at against your theory of the Manifestations; thus vindicating before the own. When I get new and progressive ideas I will once giving a test of identity and assurance of his world that you had confidence in your own position. The first series kept at a stand-point, and as your's grew in size, I felt the same spirit, and have been illustrating the law of imitation.

And now, suppose that we admit that "none of the known material Mr. Quarterman read the third, and last, of his laws " account for any part of these occurrences, does that prove that thing we don't comprehend, or to which we do not see their applica-It is intensified and pur fied. It is freed from the gentlemen and ladies were present, some of whom tion; and seeing as we do that they are always connected with persons,

tially developed tenth writes me that I "have hewed up Mr. B. worse than Samuel move even as fast as light. of his experience, from which he concluded that the hewed up Agag before the Lord "-all of which kind opinions I am grateful for, not dreaming that our respective friends have any particular idea on what they base their belief. Let the world judge of its merits, as it surely will, and accord us strict justice-we are too much interested to be fit judges of what we have written. While doubting my seriousness, honesty, and relevancy, you daim for yourself a "candid and philosophical spirit." Let those who read judge of that also You propose to glance at each of my letters, to show the "prominent idea in each "; I refer the reader to the letters themselves, as the best tsined in this work, is, that your investigation is not mode. Through a chain of impressibles, one in the place to find the ideas in them-while I will afford you what additional

me, it is clear that mind, in all its acts, works from a center-a motive Between these periods lie numerous plagues, of course, but these sus-The following was written in a bold, free hand, eviview he should be miserable indeed. He could not force—a centripetal influence. Mediums could not manifest the results tain most singularly my idea of centuries. The period of return in they do, if they had not the idea of spirits in the mind; that becomes England is stated to be very near forty years. Have you demolished the fulcrum—the strong force—and the idea of spirit aid, or some idea my facts? The periodicity of earthquakes is conceded. Mr. Bayard that supplies that very place, must always be in operation. The person | Taylor, during the past summer, witnessed an eruption, at Catania, of who believes that he is God, or the king, or that he is aided by spirits, Etna, while the peasants and citizens were celebrating the martyrdom by the Devil, is bewitched acts always from that idea; it controls and of a female saint, whose death occurred just two hundred years before, molds him, and governs him. Some mind in the body, so far as I can and the outrage produced an earthquake, and it returned to a day, as it trace the facts, has always supplied the medium with the motive ideaa father, sister, wife, child, friend, mother. Am I understood? The observation on the same day. Why this is, we do not clearly combiologizer, in the medium, is as plain to me as in the case of the biologized. The same law of a center, a fulcrum force, holds good with now the light has broken in on you, the truth has chairs and tables -not that they are supplied with an idea, but the medium has the idea that his spirit-friend can move it, and the person is of Justinian, Gibbon says, vol. iv, p. 293, "Youth was the most perilput in contact with the table through the nerve fluid.

I illustrated imitative power by referring to the pantomimic art—and it was all in place; and to this we may add the remark of Mr. Upham, made manifest to the world, and to have revealed to that the girl in the care of Dr. Mather surpassed, in her imitative skill, mediums. Numerous persons have in fact turned actors, and are imitating almost everything and body; and as you assert that they imitate the departed, and through you they have been enabled that your position would be invulnerable if we could not show, in all cursing at every jerk, often gave a ludicrous variety to this phenomenon. by the style of the medium. Communications from N. P. Rogers, class of persons. and have laid up treasures in heaven where decay Judson, Clay, Webster, Calhoun, Adams, &c., always bear the earuttered. The sentiment of N. P. Rogers is personated, but his style has not, nor can not, be imitated. He was one of the most chaste and facts of history, so far as I can find any, sustain my view. claiming your attention. Day by day will you grow racy writers that New-England could boast; the communications purporting to come from him are not his.

The autographs, and Daniel, need no further notice; tricks are always contended for in my amiable way.

That the human will has some agent or medium by which it seizes

So pen up od-force, and put mind in contact, and we see its force and intensity. Hibbert's rock, in the Shetland Isles, shows what fluid will do when impelled upon solids-and the gymnotus shows what will can do with electricity as a lever, even on a small scale.

It is not contended that man has a voluntary power of giving a "disruptive" shock, but many of the facts go to show that he has such a power that involuntarily manifests itself under certain conditions-as plainly as the heart-beat shows an involuntary force exercised over that

The facts in the Silesian castle left when Kerner left, and they were identical with your modern wonders, but always depended on flesh and

The pumping is still a puzzle, and you ask, how does so light a fluid Spirits work these influences? To me, it only proves that it is some- get down through the pump at all? It is impelled by mind-a supe-

It is my friend who makes man's spirit such a "dumsy creature"; mists and uncertainties that attended its condition wrote their questions in their own language, which it would be logical to conclude that some known or unknown law of personality gave them existence; no "revising" of the old edition of but no, Mr. Gordon must not rise by force of mind in the body! You humanity is at all needed; there may be, and probably are, many laws ask why sunlight does not produce a vacuum near the earth; I reply, of our being that have been overlooked, or misapprehended, or par- the effect of the sun's action on air is gradual, and its expansion can not, as all observation shows, by the sun's action reach that point. You allude to the manner of treating the subject, and ask if it has Earthquakes are by some supposed to be produced by the reflection of ed, suddenly sprang back from the table, in evident been treated in a "respectful, candid and logical manner?" That de- all the planets and stars-producing something approaching a vacuum pends on the persons who are judges. A great variety of opinions are near the earth, and the rolling fluid inside seeks an outlet or an equiliexpressed, as in all similar cases. One person says, "Mr. B. is a pret- brium. You quote from the Baron, to show that od-force is slowly ty sharp shooter, but he don't touch your positions"; another sends transmitted from the hand to substances in contact. That is so. And my sister I am often present. If she desires me, I am parties present. When quiet was again restored, the word, from a distance, that I am "proving Spiritualism, out and out"; then you contrast it with electricity, to show their dissimilarity—while with her in a moment. You have not lost me, then alphabet was called for, and, by way of explanation, another says, in a letter—and his opinion is weighty—"You have done you are aware of the difference in the mode of manifestation in galvanmore for Spiritualism than Mr. B. himself"; another said to me, when ism, voltaism, electricity, magnetism, &c., and yet they are admitted he got the first letter, "B. has got you—he has proved his position"; as modifications of the same thing. The time of sitting around tables another says, "Why do you let him use you up so"; another says, shows that it moves slowly from one body into another -- but accumulate "Our cause has not suffered at his (the Doctor's) hands, yet "; and a it in vast quantities in space and it may, for aught you have shown,

> That persons in sound health may be impressible is not denied, but mediums as a class are "delicately organized."

The cry, at the beginning of these events, was, that a new wonder was in the earth-a "new dispensation" was setting in-something " new under the sun" we had certainly got-but my tenth letter, and other facts similar, has effectually demolished that bug-bear. Similar phenomena seem to have attended the race as far back as we can trace them in history. The High Rock miracle, caused by singing, seems to puzzle you. As it would seem, the music mentioned as the cause would not connect itself with the mind of the singer, unless especially mentioned. So you think. So rapidly have the table experiments spread, You refer to "imitations," and quote me as saying, "The whole, and left the impression that spirits have nothing to do with the physical then, is the work of the imitative mechanic power of the medium." The movements, that I will be magnanimous in my rejoicing. I affirm these word "whole" imply refers to the facts, spirits' writings, then under phenomena to be periodic and epidemic. You deny my position. Now notice. The illustrations drawn from biology were pertinent. What is one year ago, or a little more, no man in America, so far as I know, the moving force in the mind of the biologized? Clearly an "idea," had thought of its being an epidemic. In the space of a few months, as Mr. Sunderland has it-and the manifestation always follows the A. J. Davis, the Seer, announced in our place and all over the country, idea, in a good subject, and so of the manifestations; an idea is first that "thirty per cent. of the phenomena was epidemic," "thirty more, planted in the mind, and the events follow, as a general rule-always, tricks that would make angels weep," and forty per centum purely spirwhen the conditions are observed. "On such a day you will be itual. That is a broad stride toward the truth. As you question the healed "-" Do so and so, and the spirits will write without hands "- periodicity of these phenomena, and also of disease, I remark that Pla-"Leave paper on the table, and the spirits will write," &c. We may terius records seven plagues that afflicted the city of Basil in seventy sometimes be obliged to refer to the communication to detect the mo- years, and they recur in periods of ten years with but one exception. tive force—as in L. M. Austin's case. He had lost three children, and The great plagues of past ages which have depended on atmospheric raps seemed to be made at three different points. The term "three" causes show singular returns in centuries. One occurred in A. D. 400, another 590, in 802, in 905, in 1005, in 1106, 1222, in 1300, 1400, in I have illustrated this point repeatedly-and only remark that, to 1500, in 1602, in 1709, in 1800, yellow fever prevailed over the world. would seem, and the feast and the earthquake both passed under his prehend.

You question my statement of the law of plagues and mental epidemics, as to its application to male and female. Of the plague in the reign ous season; but the female sex was less susceptible than the male." The magnetic religious epidemic, known as the French prophets, the historian remarks that the mass of them "were girls and boys, from ten to twenty-five years of age." The Dancers and Jumpers follow the same belief itself; it ranged through a great diversity of imitations. So with law. Those mentioned by Kerner were mostly "children." The Jerkers of Kentucky were mostly women and children who were affected with vision, trances, and ecstacies, while the men seemed more given to the dead, and must therefore be en rapport with their spirits, I reply jerks. Travelers were often seized by sympathy. The profane also, cases, that the facts, and words, and sentiments imitated, or "person- The bewitched, in New-England, were mostly women; it began among meets their eyes. They have brought to your door ated," existed in the minds of the living. We find these media often girls, and was mainly carried on by them. The power among the Methen rapport with a book, a paper, a lecture, writing out extracts that they odists was mainly among women. And friend Brittan tells me that the verily believe come from spirits. These facts destroy the force of your mass of mediums are women and children-while the yellow fever of dealt with less kindly than with yourselves, and in so syllogism. I have never yet seen a communication that was not marked 1800 showed vastly more deaths among robust men than any other

> The two periods of magnetic disease under Valens, in Rome and in marks of the media, or the persons who control them in the sentiment Alexandria, are not accurately noticed on this point. I am glad that you quoted that passage, and to its statement I still adhere, and all the

When I stated the periodicity of these phenomena, and their relation to physical disease, it was incumbent on me to show the facts that sustain the law. I think I have done so, to the satisfaction of all reasonplenty in every such excitement, but facts duly authenticated I have able men. If these phenomena are a special providence from God-an invention of Benjamin Franklin, according to Davis-it appears from history, beyond all cavil, that various attempts have been made to introand uses our physical bodies, is well known. This fluid, so far as such duce these convincing proofs of immortality among men-and that Dia fact can be shown, is under the control of the will after it has been vine Wisdom has had most miserable luck in his attempts, as they have transmitted to chairs, tables, muskets and pumpkins. Muscular motion been put down by the Old Hunkers in different ages. As I have can only be explained by the fact that the will impels the nerve fluid, passed from subject to subject for illustration, you have as constantly or nerve-blood, over the muscle, causing every fiber to change their re- contended that I was alleging different causes for these occurrences, it lations-thus producing contraction and expansion. If I remember, is first "A," then "B," then "C," and so on. You misapprehend, It is but a few weeks since we were at the pleasant the experiments of Galvani showed that galvanism did not produce or misrepresent me. These and similar phenomena have, at various motion in the involuntary muscles of the body. Call muscular motion epochs, engaged the attention of men of great learning and talentelectrical, galvanic, or odic, and its all the same-these terms serve to witchcraft and ghost-seeing have been discussed by crowned heads, well. But like the early spring flower she was smit. cover up our ignorance of ultimates, and all caviling over them end gartered knights, doctors, lawyers, judges, and divines, and the world "I am George. I want you to know that I am ten, and when life's sun had scarcely risen she with- where they begin. I have often referred to these and similar terms, has been left as wise at the end as when they began, but what is notorihappy, and love you better every day. Good people ered. To those who entertain the spiritual faith, death to familiarize the mind of the reader with the idea of a something used ous in all these periodic controversies, the good and the wise, though unable to account for the phenomena, have in the end repudiated the You refer to od-flame as a harmless thing. Steam, as it rises from idea of Satanic influence, or of witcheraft occurring through his power. suffer as I appeared to—and remember I am learning every day.

Your little George."

the garden of God, and shed their fragrance on the air of the Celestial Paradise.—En.

the boiling vessel, is harmless—will not move a "fly"—but pen it up, and in the call the boiling vessel, is harmless—will not move a "fly"—but pen it up, air of the Celestial Paradise.—En. and put heat under it, and it blows the huge vessel or rock to atoms. ings in its favor, and in the end he renounced his belief in it, and

sign them to the laws that originate and control mentioned except that an ovarian tumer was to be them. Time is a severe but just arbiter of differences

Spiritual age. Occupy all the space you wish sult of the operation, to either of the medical gentle- And lips whose fearful paleness rise ever on my dream; Yours truly, in your reviews.

B. W. RICHMOND.

LETTER FROM DR. GARDNER.

nacy strive to distort even its own rayless visage by sneering at the truth.

SPRINGVIELD, March 10, 1853. PRIEND BRITTAN: Inclosed I send a communication under my hand which was published in the Springfield Republican of yesterday. You can best judge of the document, and you may be assured that there was no possible way for Dr. Barron to have known anything in regard to the case, and it must therefore be a case of independent clairvoyance, or spiritual sight, and is, in my opinion, rather a hard nut for your friend Richmond to crack. By the way, Dr. Barron wished me to write you to send him the TELEGRAPH, which if you please you may do and Depot, Mass. The glorious principles of the Harmonial Philosophy are rapidly spreading in this vicinity? which has stirred up the Theologians in a way that is truly awful, they seem to realize that there is much danger unless this modern wonder can be stopped, and the people be frightened or ceased from the in-Fraternally thine,

H. F. GARDNER. SUPERIOR, OR SPIRITUAL SIGHT-A CASE.

of the Harmonial Philosophy in their position.

he had recently been developed as a clairvoyant me- sight of his own house; more still! there is a medium convince him of the truthfulness of these impressions, my at home. I heard him preach last Sabbath-took yet he was not satisfied. I at once, for the purpose of notes, and am preparing to meet his case at his own the letter I had received from Dr. Archer, inclosed in Hall of Bethany College, and if secured he will hear an envelope, requesting him by this newly developed a few things not dreamed of in his philosophy, else I should comply with the request therein contained. little remarkable that this development should have He took the letter and, although in an unfavorable taken place by the merest apparent accident. I was condition, being much fatigued and somewhat excited, present on one occasion, and the manifestations were very soon passed into the superior condition. After so singular as to alarm the family, and I fear they an interval of a few minutes, Dr. B. said: "This is a | will desist and we shall lose a great light in a dark request for you to go to Meriden, to assist in a surgi- place. This medium is one of the Bishop's own discical operation, and you must go; it will be an advan- ples, but it seems that in the abnormal state his opintage to you, and a benefit to other sufferers. I now ion of him is not so exalted. wish you to be very attentive, and remember what I During last week I went some 25 miles to get the say, as the spirite, or my guide, informs me it is for a particulars of a singular development, and wholly un-

four years had elapsed since the first appearance of Candles hanging against the wall leaped down, sepacation being on the left ovaries.

the tumor to view, it was found that the attachments the father died. He is dead and they have ceased. as Dr. Barron had described them, while in the supe- minds. The end is not yet. The facts in this case are tents of the tumor, and securing the arteries, the at- of. The medium is about 12 years of age, and tachments were divided, and the enormous mass re- brought up in seclusion from the world. I have given moved, weighing, with its contents, 52 1-2 lbs. I will you only a faint outline of the facts; use them as you only add, in conclusion, that Dr. Barron was never in list. the town of Meriden, and was an entire stranger to all I may add that I have challenged both of these the parties-that neither myself nor any other person champions, but they have not responded. They fear umns, or send an exchange, will receive the Intupresent had ever seen the patient or heard of the case the light. Respectfully, John B. Wolff. MINATI.

directed the judges to be cautious in condemn- previous to the reception of the line from Dr. A. by ing those accused of witchcraft. His final con-that I did not know in what part of the town Dr. I think that I have scattered a new light over ance of his house or office—that there was no allusion in the letter of Dr. A. in regard to the enormous played, even by those who dispute its claims, sture to grasp and comprehend them, and asall these subjects that will enable the world in in the letter of Dr. A. in regard to the enormous future to grasp and comprehend them, and as- size of the tumor, nor were any other particulars to foster the noblest aspirations of Humanity, to

Now, if any one of the learned and scientific Rever- life. To the friends who want the space of the end or other Professors who have been, and still are, TELEGRAPH, I will say that they will soon have investigating this subject, can give a rational explait and as there are quite a number of persons nation of, or account for this one case among the I thought in changeless kindness our mother came in the country who dissent from your Spiritual many that are of almost daily occurrence in the community, upon other principles than those of Spiritual I went in bitter serrow, beside our cold hearth-stone, hypothesis, the space in the paper may turn out communication, or independent clairvoyance, they Over our home so lonely, the guiding spirit gone to have been well occupied. Rest assured, will have accomplished much toward the overthrow I thought she came to cheer me, but not as when on meantime, that God has made no creatures who of the whole system of the Harmonial Philosophy. can overthrow his laws, and the fallacy of my For the truth of my statements in regard to the de- A worn out casement shrining a soul of matchless views will be confirmed or overthrown. I ask scription given by Dr. Barron of this case, I am pernitted to refer to S. L. Griggs, Esq., the former high sheriff of Tolland County, Conn., now of West Springin a spirit worthy of this progressive and highly field; and Wm. H. Seamans, of Ware; and for the remen present on the occasion.

H. F. GARDNER, M. D.

LETTER FROM THE SOUTH.

Our esteemed friend has our thanks for com- from our Reverend friend, but it will be permunicating the interesting fact narrated beceived that he has been busily employed. He hair.

A seraph-smile upon her lips, a radiance round her course, A. J. D., low. We had not before seen his letter in the pursues the primitive mode of teaching, and if Republican. Thus the facts, illustrative of ev- the "temples made with hands" are closed Heaven's own majestic beauty abone round her matron ery conceivable phase of Spiritual agency, con- against him, he goes out into the great cathetinue to occur. How long will ignorant obstidral of Nature on which God has left the im- The dazzling sunshine mingling with moonlight's calmpress of his own hand. Friend W. seems determined to push the great spiritual battle to No mortal tongue could picture the beauty of her the very gates of the citadel.

WHEELING, Va., March 20, 1853. BRO. BRITTAN: It has been sometime since I troubled you, and I would not now, but exigencies occurring seem to demand a passing notice. Spiritualism in Wheeling is rather advancing, investigators are increasing, and some few extraordinary facts are transpiring; but we lack unity of sentiment and concert of action. Under these disadvantages, augmented by a settled opposition we must of necessity As still upon her daughter she would a blessing shed;

I write chiefly to notice that we have had opposition charge to me. Direct to Dr. Reuben Barron, Palmer from some of the highest dignitaries of the church. Eishop Simpson, M. E. Church, has been relieving And that she loved us still, but with a deeper glow, himself of some of his surplus zeal in a discourse against the rappings, first served up in Pittsburgh, and afterward in Washington, Pa., and the proceeds in the latter place devoted to some charity connected with orthodoxy. (Wonder if this is any better than taking pay by the Rappers ?) Previous to this, Bishop Campbell, of Bethany, and of Baptistic notoriety, had delivered a speech before the Washington Literary love,

Society, of Washington College, Pa., on the same sublove,

That never more would anguish have in her breast a She spoke in sweetest accents of the Savior's eyes of love,

Society, of Washington College, Pa., on the same sublove,

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Of the anality of this speech I need only say. As there is at the present time, much interest man- Society, of Washington College, Pa., on the same subness of the theory of Spiritual Manifestations, in the that it is a bundle of trash. I have written a reply various modes in which these phenomena are present- which shall be forthcoming at Bethany as soon as the ed, viz: rapping, tipping, writing and superior sight, weather will permit me to occupy the woods. This is or clairvoyance, I have deemed the following fact, only one part of my story-shortly after Bishop Simpwhich, with many others, has fallen under my own son's effort at Washington, a company was convened observation, as well calculated to sustain the friends at the house of Mr. H., and among them a College dignitary. It was proposed that they should sit for On the 17th day of Febrary, 1852, I seceived a letter from Dr. H. A. Archer, of Meriden, Ct., request- supposed themselves defeated, when, behold, as they ing me to be present to witness an operation for the rose to leave the table, it followed a part of them. removal of an ovarian tumor, at his house, on the 19th This was repeated again and again, so I was informed of the same month. During the evening of the 18th, by a responsible gentleman. This was rather head-Dr. Reuben Barron, of Palmer Dépôt, came into my ing the Bishop. Worse and more of it: The rappings office, and in course of conversation, remarked that are at and on the land of Bishop Campbell, and in dium for spiritual communications, and that within a in his own family who is compelled to keep the fact a ew days he had had some tests, well calculated to secret. And now the old Bishop is battling the enetesting the powers of this superior sight, handed him door. Application is being made for the use of the

test to remove the doubts with which I am harrassed, anticipated. The north-east part of Jefferson Co., O., in regard to the truthfulness of the Spiritual Mani- is the locality of the parties and facts. Mr. L. was a victim of erroneous life and bedfast with palsy, living He then proceeded to describe the house and office in a retired neighborhood with a part of his children, of Dr. Archer, the room in which the operation was to all of whom are daughters. In the Spirit-world he be performed, the appearance of the young lady who has several sons. The family neither knew nor bewas to undergo the operation, and also of her sister, lieved anything about the rappings. One evening, who was with her; the tumor, both in regard to its after a part of the girls had retired, a distant sound enormous size, and of its attachments to the left broad was heard resembling a bass drum; gradually it came ligaments and fallopian tube, and, indeed, minutely nearer until it came into the house, and was heard in described, not only the tumor, but the entire opera- different parts of it. Some of the girls ran to a neightion of its removal. On the morning of the 19th I re- bors for some person to come and stay with them. paired to Meriden, and, to my surprise, found the de- The sounds still continued, together with almost every scription of the house, the room, and the appearance form of the phenomena until the old man died. The of the patient, as given by Dr. B., correct in every bed on which the old man lay was carried out into particular. I will remark in this pkice, that about the middle of the room by these invisible agents. the tumor, during which time many eminent physi- rated, struck different individuals gently, and fell on cians and surgeons had been consulted, and they all, the floor without injuring the candles in any degree. I believe, were of opinion that the tumor originated Chairs, tables and all other articles of furniture were on the right ovaries, and, of course, that its attach- moved without any visible contact, and that too in ments were on that side. It will be remembered that opposition to the will-power of the parties. Some Dr. B. wished me to be particular in regard to the lo- thought the child was bewitched-others that there was a trick, while orthodoxy decided it was the devil. About 2 o'clock p. m., Prof. W. Burnham, of the The family were much annoyed and persecuted on ac-Worcester Medical College, assisted by P. W. Ells- count of it. After they became calm they questioned worth, M. D., of Hartford, and other medical gentle- the invisible agent; and it persisted in saying that men present, proceeded with the operation. On lay- these things were done by deceased brothers, that ing open the parietes of the abdomen and exposing they were intended for good and would cease when were on the left instead of the right side, and precisely But not without awaking much interest in liberal rior condition. After removing a portion of the con- as strong against Dr. R.'s theory as any I have heard

THE DAUGHTER'S VISION.

The following lines are extracted from the Obertin Evangelist, of a late date. The essenconsole the bereaved and afflicted, and to quicken the soul into a beautiful and truly religious tual Phe

O! sister, was I dreaming, and was it all in vain ?

O! not as once we saw her, with worn and wearied mlen.

A gleam of softened sunlight lay, a still and change-

A something more than beauty within her azure eyes; Some time has elapsed since we last heard A gleam of star-like radiance from never-darkened The Great Harmonia, Vol. III.-The

> Her fleecy garments floating like clouds on sun-lit air;
>
> Heaven's own projectic heavily above round her matter.
>
> -A Vision, A. J. D., brow.

The solemn glory bending a presence from the skies.

That look of chastened sweetness another could not Her arms were spread to fold me as in the olden time,

As if she fain would bear me to her own happy clime. Upon her seraph bosom she took my weary head, She said she'd not forgotten that we were wand'ring

And still our lonely pathway she loved to linger near. A holier, calmer feeling, than when she dwelt below. And then she spoke of heaven, in words of holy cheer, Of her deep rest unbroken by mortal care or fear; She said that earth's dark sorrow had faded from her

That never more would anguish have in her breast a

ifested in the public mind in regard to the truthful- ject. Of the quality of this speech I need only say, She said his tones of music were silver, soft and clear, In strains of melting sweetness they fall upon the ear, And that his words of healing which once made mortals blest, IHim a rest.

Could soothe each friendly wand'rer that sought with Spirit-Manifestations : being an expo-The tender lambs were gathered and folded in his

And there the weary rested secure from all alarms.

The strains of melting cadence forever on the air. Yet it was not the harmony, the never-clouded skies, The Macrocosm and Microcosm, or the Nor yet the scenes of beauty which on hill and valley

But to those happy spirits, immortal hights that trod, Heaven was to be with Jesus, to know and dwell with And that his unvailed presence a cloud of glory shed,

A tide of speechless blessing that bowed each scraph's And then she asked at parting, Does earth look

dark to thee? power to inform me of its contents, and whether I am a poor student of the New Philosophy. It is a Long ere thy chains are riven, and thou with us art Yet, tread with patient trusting thy lone and dark-

And round its blissful closing shall beam a golden day. O! then, as morning flashes from out the crystal skies, Thou'lt know no gleam of heaven or mortal sight could

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